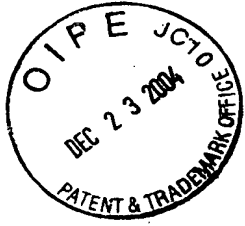


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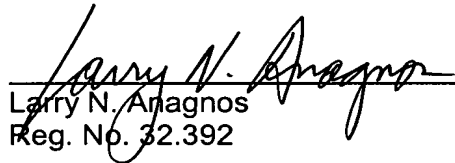
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It should also be noted that this new listing with copies of the three foreign patent documents was intended to accompany the responsive amendment filed yesterday, December 22, 2004, but, however, was inadvertently omitted therefrom. The Examiner will note that on page 16 of the Remarks of the Amendment, discussion related thereto was provided.

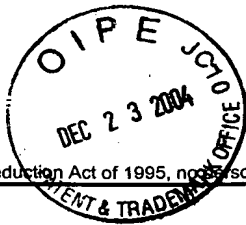
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